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1. The shortage of medicines in Hungary has caused a number of deaths. During 1952, particularly medicines for the treatment of heart ailments have been in short supply.
2. Depofollan, for injections, cannot be obtained for even the most serious cases.
3. All products containing digitalis are strictly limited, and prescriptions for these products must be countersigned by three doctors.
4. Tebaminol is not available.¹
5. It is reported that the hospitals are supplied with Soviet caffeine; the quality is so bad, however, that doctors do not recommend it to their patients.

1. Comment. Tebaminol (PAS-para-amino salicylic acid) is manufactured by Chinoin, Ujpest.

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